PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f
/b/	b	/n/	n	/s/	s
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/z/	z
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ng	/l/	l
/k/	k			/w/	w
				/y/	y
/i/	i			/u/	u
/e/	e			/o/	o
/ɛ/	ɛ			/ɔ/	ɔ
		/a/	a		

EXAMPLES

a	tatà	father
b	ebelé	much,many
d	lodéfa	to borrow
e	ebelé	much,many
ɛ	pɛtɛ pɛtɛ	two, soft
f	fufù	manioc flour
i	nini	what?
k	kàké	thunder
l	lilàla	orange
m	mamà	mother
n	nina	electric fish
ny	nyɔ̀ka	snake
ng	ngonga	clock
o	lokolo	leg
ɔ	mbɔngɔ	silver
p	pipà	thickness
s	sasapi	immediately
t	tatà	father
u	kulutu	oldest child
w	wanà	there
y	mayée	intelligence
z	zolo	nose

ALPHABET

a b d e ɛ f i k l m n ny ng o ɔ p s t u w y z

number of graphemes 22

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